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FNLA COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED HERE MARCH 23 STATES FNLA CANNOT ACCEPT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S UNILATERAL DECISION TO NATIONALIZE BANKS WITH BRANCHES IN ANGOLA. FNLA ASTONISHED THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING ANGOLAN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. AFFECTED BANKS AND FIRMS IN WHICH BANKS HADA SHARE ONCE MADE "FABULOUS PROFITS" WITH ASSISTANCE OF COLONIAL GOVERNMENT. THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ANGOLAN WAR DID NOT PREVENT THEM FROM REINVESTING LARGE PROFITS IN ANGOLA AND PORTUGAL. IT IS ONLY RIGHT THIS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THESE ANGOLAN FIRMS ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE ANGOLAN STATE. COMMUNIQUE WARNS LISBON AUTHORITIES OF GRAVITY OF SITUATION. SUGGESTS THAT SOLUTION SHOULD BE IN FRAMEWORK OF ALVOR AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR CREATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS.

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